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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

NIHEI, Mizuhisa, et al.

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Examiner: Thanhha Pham

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

## **RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 1, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2008, extended from October 29, 2008 to December 1, 2008 (November 29, 2008 being a Saturday) by a **one-month** Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page two of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page nine of this paper.

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